

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Method for executing a communication attempt with a mobile terminal device in
5 accordance with an attainability status of a mobile terminal device in a cellular
communication network having a Short Message Service Center by: querying the
SMSC in the cellular network for obtaining the attainability status of said mobile
terminal device and delivering said communication attempt to said mobile terminal
device in accordance with said attainability status. This invention allows an
10 application to find out if a mobile terminal device e.g. a handset is reachable
without actually contacting the handset. A short message service center does this by
initiating a mobile terminated delivery attempt but not finishing it but telling the
application instead if the home location register of a cellular network thinks the
handset is reachable or not.

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